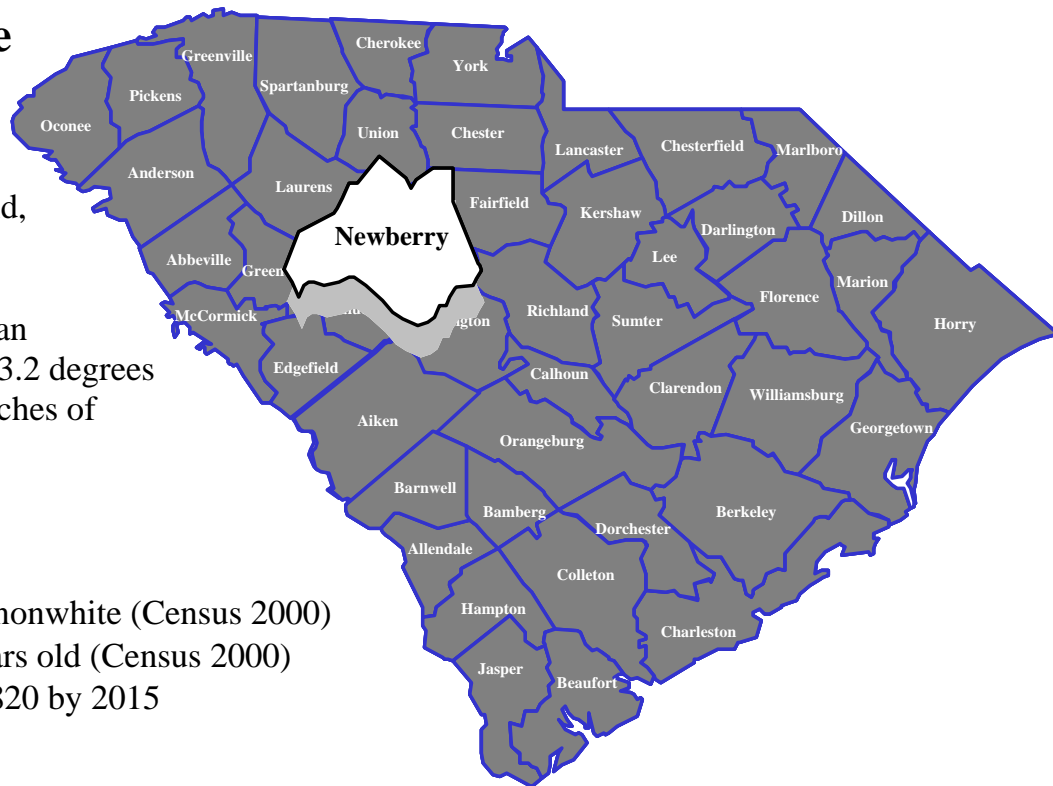


# *Spotlight on Newberry County...*

## **Location & Climate**

- Located in the central area of the state
- Surrounded by Laurens, Union, Fairfield, Richland, Lexington, Saluda, and Greenwood counties
- This climatic region has an average temperature of 63.2 degrees and experiences 46.17 inches of precipitation annually



## **Population**

- 37,209 in 2004
- 64.0% white and 36.0% nonwhite (Census 2000)
- Median age was 37.1 years old (Census 2000)
- Estimated growth of 39,820 by 2015

## **Labor Force**

- Decreased from 18,826 in 2003 to 17,983 in 2004
- Unemployment rate fell from 7.4% in 2003 to 7.1% in 2004

## **Employment**

- Average monthly employment for the county was 16,699 in 2004, compared to 17,434 in 2003

## **Per Capita Income**

- Per capita income for the county was \$21,933 in 2003
- It was 84% of the state's PCI of \$26,144

## **Unemployment Insurance Benefits**

The Newberry Workforce Center, serving Newberry and Saluda counties, paid \$4,431,668 in regular U.I. benefits during calendar year 2004.

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